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SUBJECT: GUARD SERVICE FOR MISSION STAFF

REF: A. KINGSTON 2605, B. STATE 165063, C. PELEUSES-KRIEGER
TELECON

1. IN REF A, WE ADVISED DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON SERIES OF INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE
AND INCREASING ANTI-AMERICAN RHETORIC AND REQUESTED AUTHORITY
AND FUNDING IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. IN REF B, DEPARTMENT
APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED IN FIRST PREFERENCE
WITH QUALIFICATION GUARD SERVICE WAS APPROVED ONLY FOR
MISSION "CORE GROUP".

2. SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE HAS DISCUSSED REF B AND RECOMMENDS
FOLLOWING:

A. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL DRIVER FOR AMBASSADOR BY UTILIZING
CURRENT STAFF ON OT.

B. GUARD SHELTER FOR DCM RESIDENCE.

C. 24 HOUR ARMED GUARD SERVICE DCM RESIDENCE (ONE GUARD
12 HOURS DAYLIGHT, TWO GUARDS 12 HOURS NIGHTS).

D. 24 HOUR UNARMED GUARD SERVICE DETACHED STAFF HOUSING
DURING OFFICIAL ABSENCES.

3. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT PROBLEM IS AND HAS BEEN CRIMINAL
VIOLENCE. AS STATED REF A IT APPEARS "DIPLOMATS" MAY HAVE BEEN
SINGLED OUT AS MORE LUCRATIVE TARGETS FOR BURGLARY. DEPARTMENT
ALREADY AWARE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE ALWAYS EXISTS IN JAMAICA
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IN BURGLARY ATTEMPTS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES O-8 VICE CONSUL,

S-7 SECRETARY, OR CW-3 DAO STAFFER IN DETACHED HOUSING ARE AS READILY IDENTIFIABLE TARGETS AS ANY MEMBER "CORE GROUP". COMMITTEE BELIEVES, AND AMBASSADOR AGREES, THAT PROVISION GUARD SERVICE ONLY TO "CORE GROUP" WOULD HAVE SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON STAFF MORALE.

4. IN VIEW ABOVE, FOLLOWING FUNDING REQUESTED: \$4276 FOR ARMED GUARD SERVICE DCM RESIDENCE JULY 26-SEP30; \$875 FOR DRIVER OT WEEKENDS FOR AMBASSADOR JULY 17-SEP 30.

5. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF PLANNED OFFICIAL ABSENCES STATE PERSONNEL THROUGH SEP 30. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, IF SUCH ABSENCES OCCUR WE PLAN INCLUDE IN I/D STATEMENT.

6. WE UNDERSTAND FBO FUNDING \$1700 REQUESTED FOR CONSTRUCTION GUARD SHELTER DCM RESIDENCE.
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